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Summary of Events  
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The USSR agreed on 5 January to extend grant aid to Afghanistan in the form of additional Soviet training for Afghan military personnel, the introduction of jet aircraft passenger service from Moscow to Kabul, and the improvement of river port facilities at Qizil Qala. The agreement also includes reduced fares to Afghans traveling to the USSR for medical treatment and provides for a gift of 3,000 metric tons of Soviet wheat seed.

On 3 January, Indonesia and the USSR signed a protocol, under the \$100-million Soviet line of credit, which provides for the construction of 2 small steel plants, a phosphate fertilizer factory, and about 400 miles of roads as well as for the establishment of 2 mechanized rice farms of 25,000 acres each.

Cambodia has called for competitive bids for the transportation of construction material and equipment to the site of three manufacturing plants to be constructed under the Chinese Communist aid program.

Since the Iraqi coup d'état on 14 July 1958, numerous Bloc economic missions have visited the country, and trade and payments agreements with all important Bloc countries except Bulgaria have been concluded. These agreements, several of which were signed in the first 2 weeks of 1959, generally provide for a larger flow of trade, involving the export of Iraqi agricultural commodities in exchange for Bloc capital equipment and other manufactured goods.

The Soviet civil airline Aeroflot recently inaugurated a twice-weekly service between Moscow and Cairo. The jet-propelled Tu-104 will be used on the route.

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